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**Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe, January 16,  
1820, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe  
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Monticello Jan. 16.20.

What can I do, my dear friend, with such letters as the inclosed, but forward them to you? And the rather as I presume you must have known the merits of the writer as well as I did: that he was an active whig and officer in the revolution of 1776, and a firm republican in that of 1800. I reject the numerous applications made to me to be troublesome to you; but now and then comes one which principle or feeling does not permit me to refuse. I am sure I deposit it in the hands of justice when I commit it to you. Ever & affectionately yours Th. Jefferson

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